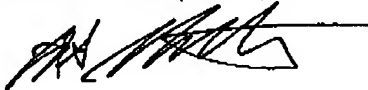


REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the telephone conference held with the Examiner on September 27, 2004. More particularly, in the telephone discussion, the Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claim 18 was not taught or suggested in the prior art. The Examiner indicated that amendment of claim 17 to include those limitations would place the application in condition for allowance. The above amendment is directed to that undertaking. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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